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DEAL, TANK COMPETITION, AIRBUS AND REFLATION

1. SUMMARY: CSU CHAIRMAN FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS AND CSU
ORGAN "BAYERN KURIER" HAVE VOICED SHARP BUT CAREFULLY
CIRCUMSCRIBED CRITICISM OF CERTAIN U.S. FOREIGN TRADE AND
ECONOMIC POLICIES. THIS REPRESENTS FIRST PUBLIC CSU
CRITICISM OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. STRAUSS' CRITICISM: IN ARTICLE ENTITLED "CSU CHIEF
STRAUSS CRITICIZES US," MARCH 21 ISSUE OF "NUERNBERGER
ZEITUNG" (PRO-CSU) REPORTS STRAUSS' CRITICISM OF US
"BUY AMERICA" POLICY IN CASES OF TANK COMPETITION, FRG
NUCLEAR SALES TO BRAZIL, AND, TO DEGREE, AIRBUS. IN
WEEKEND SPEECH TO GATHERING OF ENTREPRENEURS IN
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WIESBADEN, STRAUSS APPARENTLY ALSO LEFT NO RPT NO
DOUBT THAT HE BACKED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S POSITION ON
FRG ATOMIC POWER PLANT AGREEMENTS WITH BRAZIL. THE "FRG
ECONOMY," SAID STRAUSS, "IS STILL THE SOLE SOURCE
OF FRG'S POWER IN (INTERNATIONAL) POLITICS." THEREFORE,
FRG'S ECONOMIC POLICY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME
"FUNCTION" OF AMERICAN "CONCEPTS" (VORSTELLUNGEN).

3. "BAYERN KURIER": IN ARTICLE ENTITLED "TWO TYPES OF FOREIGN POLICY: MORAL CLAIM(S) AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS," "BAYERN KURIER" EDITOR EMIL MUEHLBERGER PRAISES PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HAVING GIVEN "NEW DIRECTION" TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BY CHAMPIONING HUMAN RIGHTS. IN CASES OF FRG-BRAZIL AGREEMENTS AND LEOPARD-XMI COMPETITION, HOWEVER, MUEHLBERGER SEES BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS PLAYING PARAMOUNT ROLE. AFTER NOTING FRG RESERVATIONS ABOUT U.S. IDEAS ON REFLATION, MUEHLBERGER CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS "A LOT OF SAND IN GEARS OF GERMAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION." BETTS

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